

MATERIALS CERTIFICATION SCHOOLS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Certification

Q: What is required for certification?

A: A certification candidate must score a 70 or above on the written examination **and** must successfully complete all proficiency requirements by December 31st of the current calendar year. Failure to complete all certification requirements by December 31st will result in non-certification.

Q: Do I have a year from the date of the classroom course to complete the certification requirements?

A: No. You have until December 31st of the current calendar year to complete certification requirements. Failure to complete all certification requirements by December 31st will result in non-certification.

Recertification

Q: What is the cost to recertify?

A: There is no cost to recertify.

Q: What do I have to do to recertify?

A: You must complete an online recertification module for each expiring certification in VDOT's Virtual Campus (VDOT University) **and** successfully complete any proficiency requirement in the same year the certification is due to expire.

Q: Are there online recertification modules for all the certifications?

A: Yes. **All of the disciplines have a required online recertification module(s)**. Each recertification course contains a list of modules. Each module must be viewed in its entirety, a green check mark by the module means you have successfully viewed it. All listed course modules must have a green check mark, in order to be marked as successfully completing the online recertification requirement.

If a module does not have a green check mark, you must view it again, in its entirety.

*Some modules only have one or two slides to view; others have more.

Q: Can I complete the recertification requirements earlier than the expiration year?

A: No.

Q: How long do I have to complete the recertification requirements?

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A: You have from January 1 – December 31st of the expiration year to complete recertification requirements. Failure to complete the recertification requirements in that year will result in loss of certification.

Costs

Q: How much does it cost to become certified?

A: The cost is \$200 per discipline; whether the course is instructor-led or self-study.

Self-Study Courses

Q: What is a self-study course?

A: Self-study courses are designed for persons with industry experience who desire certification and do not wish to attend an instructor-led course. Self-study courses are not recommended for persons without industry experience.

Q: How does Self-study work?

A: Once paid for, the course materials are mailed to the student to study at his/her leisure. The student will have to schedule to take the examinations at a VDOT testing facility, and must successfully pass the written examination **and** complete any proficiency requirement by December 31st of the current calendar year. Failure to complete all certification requirements by December 31st will result in non-certification.

Examinations

Q: Can examinations be taken online?

A: No. All exams must be taken in person.

Reciprocity

Q: Does VDOT allow reciprocal certification for WACEL and NICET?

A: No.

Guardrail Inspector Training (GRIT)

Q: Who do I contact for GRIT?

A: GRIT is not a Materials Certification Schools program. It is coordinated by the Traffic Engineering Division; the contact number is (804) 371-2788.

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DCR - Erosion and Sediment Control

Q: Who do I contact for DCR - Erosion and Sediment Control?

A: DCR - Erosion and Sediment Control is not a Materials Certification Schools program. It is coordinated by the Department of Conservation and Recreation, (804) 371-7533, (804) 786-2064, or (804) 371-7486;
http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/stormwater_management/estr_and_crt.shtml.

Work Zone Safety and Flagger Certifications

Q: Who do I contact for Work Zone Safety and Flagger Certifications?

A: Work Zone Safety and Flagger Certifications are not Materials Certification Schools programs. They are coordinated by the Traffic Engineering Division; the contact number is (804) 371-6672.